(ख) इस परियोजना द्वारा स्थानीय स्तर पर कितनी मात्रा में बिजली की आपूर्ति की जा रही है; और

(ग) स्थानीय विकास के प्रयोजनार्थ इस परियोजना द्वारा कितनी धनराशि दी जा रही है, ?

विद्युत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती उर्मिला चिमनभाई पटेल): (क) चालू वर्ष (अप्रैल, 1994 फरवरी, 1995) के दौरान कहलगांव ताप विद्युत परियोजना से 439 मि.यू. विद्युत का उत्पादन किया गया था ।

(ख) इस परियोजना से उत्पादित विद्युत ग्रिड को प्रदान की जाती है तथा बिहार राज्य बिजली बोर्ड द्वारा स्थानीय वितरण किया जाता है ।

(ग) कहलगांव सुपर ताप विद्युत परियोजना द्वारा स्थानीय विकास हेतु अभी तक 211.83 लाख रुपये खर्च किए जा चुके हैं ।

Delay in Dulhasti Power Project

312. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dumex Segee Borie (DSB), the French Company responsible for civil construction of the Dulhasti Power Project has pulled out of the consortium led by Cagelac; if so, what are the reasons thereof;

(b) what steps Government have taken to fill this gap;

(c) whether it is a fact that the cost of the over-all project will go higher than estimated earlier due to this delay caused by the changed situation; and

(d) what steps Government have taken to meet such a situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) The French Company, M/s. Dumez-Sogea-Borie (DSB), was not prepared to continue work at the project site in view of its perception of the security environment prevailing in the area. With a view to resuming work on the project, an Understanding was reached between NHPC and the Fernch Consortium on 29.6.1994 envisaging termination of the contract with DSB and continuation of the remaining four members of the Consortium with their obligations.

(b) The Government has allowed NHPC to get the balance civil works completed by making alternative arrangements.

(c) The cost of the over-all project would go up on account of various factors, including exchange rate variation, settlement with the French Consortium and delay in commissioning.

(d) The steps taken to meet the situation include strengthening of security arrangements in and around the project area and facilitating take-over of the works and construction equipment/machinery from DSB by NHPC with a view to resuming work on the project by making alternative arrangements for completion of the balance civil works.

Agreement with USA on power projects

313. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have signed agreements with US on power projects recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the capacity and expected date of commencement of commercial production of each project; and

(c) to what extent the agreements with US are going to meet the shortage of power in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) No Government to Government agreements have been signed with the United States of America for setting up of power projects.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Counter-Guarantees for power projects

314. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to give counter guarantee in two more US financed power projects to be set up in the country;

(b) the number of projects in which Government have agreed to give counter guarantees;

(c) whether Government have framed any guidelines in this matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) and (b) Government has decided to extend Government of India counter guarantee to 8 initial projects cleared from foreign investment angle. Out of these 6 projects involve investment by US based companies (including NRIs and joint venture proposals), out of which counter guarantee has been signed for 2 projects.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Detailed terms and conditions have been formulated for extending Government of India counter guarantee such as signing of State guarantee, PPA by SEB, letter of credit/ escrow account between SEB and generating company, signing of Operational and Financial Action Plan (OFAP) by SEB, performance parameters to ensure healthy financial performance by SEB etc.

International seminar on energy problems

315. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any International Seminar was held on Energy problems organised by the Institute of Engineers (India) recently; and

(b) if so, the measures suggested in the Seminar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Conference idenified a number of issues and concerns of the developing countries, with a view to draw up an Action Plan for presentation to the 16th Congress of the World Energy Council at Tokyo in October, 1995.

Electricity generation in Government run power plants

316. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government-run power plants are generating 65 per cent of electricity from coal based thermal power plants which are causin danger for our environment;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to generate electricity in plants based on other resources; and

(c) the success achieved by Government in this direction so far?